

was by a first wife (Miss Stephens) of Captain Sparks. His second marriage was to Martha Pearce, a sister of Silas Pearce, who married his daughter. She died October 25, 1852, at 91 years of age.

About this time there came to Marlboro, from Pennsylvania, James Cook. He married, the second time, Sarah McDaniel. There were several children. Rev. Thomas Cook (a most useful local preacher), Col. William J. Cook, and Sarah, (Mrs. Thomas Covington) among them. The old James Cook place is still a landmark in Bennettsville, where the pioneer bishops and preachers used to find a congenial home. He died in 1832.

Rev. Thomas Cook married Loretta, daughter of Silas Pearce and Betsy Sparks. There were several children, William Dudley among them. He married Della Thomas; was a Confederate soldier, and died from the effects of prison life, just after the war; left no children. There were four daughters of Rev. Mr. Cook, Mary Jane (Mrs. Jno. A. McRae); Emily (Mrs. Robert Townsend); Bettie, who died young; and Susan Davis, who married James Thomas, son of Philip Barentine and Lucy, daughter of John Hubbard. James T. Barentine was born October 29, 1827; married June 27, 1854, died November 11, 1856. He was a merchant in Bennettsville.

To this couple were born two children, Loretta Pearce (my wife), on March 22, 1855; and Mary Jane, who married Mr. Charlie F. Covington, a descendant also of James Cook through his daughter Sarah.

Mrs. Barentine married, a second time, Mr. B. F. Hamer, by whom she has had three children, Col. Thomas Cook Hamer; Jessie (Mrs. Arthur V. Maulsby); and Dora, who died young.

Of the union of John Lemacks Stokes and Loretta Pearce Barentine, four children have been born: 1. Clare Malone, October 24, 1877; married August 30, 1900, Mr. Laurin Thomas Covington, her first cousin. They have a little boy, Kirby Stokes, born January 7, 1903. 2. Elise